

REMARKS

Claims 32, 33, 57, and 59-67 are pending in the instant application after this amendment cancels claims 54-56, 58, and 68. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner acknowledges that claims 32, 33, 57, and 59-64 are allowed, and that claims 65-67 are directed to allowable subject matter. With the amendment of claims 65-67 into independent form including the features of their base claim, it is respectfully submitted that claims 65-67 are allowable.

Claims 54-56, 58, and 68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant's Allegedly Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter referred as AAAPA). With the cancellation of these claims, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is obviated.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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